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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.  
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOUGH, Melbourne and Sydney.  
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CHINA.—SOUTHERN, GULFON & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HENDERSON & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WILSON, Manila, C. HENSHAW & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRACA.

## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, ... \$5,000,000 Dollars.  
Reserve Fund, ..... 200,000 Dollars.

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BRADDOCK, Esq.  
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J. E. COOPER, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.  
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A. MOLINE, Esq.

## ACT. CHIN. MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager.

Shanghai, . . . EWAN CAMMON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

## AUCTIONS.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. G. MORRIS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

### THURSDAY,

the 15th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, "The Hermitage,"

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining, and Bed-room Suites, Tables, Chairs, Sofa, Mirrors, Pictures, Sideboard, Crockery, Glass and Plated Ware, Bedsteads, Toilet Table, Wash-stands and Sets, &c., &c.

### One PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Wednesday, the 14th Instant.

**TERMS OF SALE**.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, February 9, 1877. folio

### FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### MONDAY,

the 19th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 12, Seymour Terrace, the Residence of C. B. GRIFFITH, Esq.—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—Covered Chairs, Couches, Centre and other Tables, Mirrors, Clocks, Electroplated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Sideboard, Whatnots, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Toilet Glasses, &c., &c.

### Also,

1 Cottage PIANO, by Zeitzer & Co.  
1 HARMONIUM, by Alexandre Pere et Filz, Paris.

Sedan Chairs, Flower Pots, &c., &c.

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Hongkong, February 12, 1877. folio

## Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY,

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of

"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30, Performance to Commence at Nine o'clock.

Tickets may be had at MEARS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1877. folio

## Intimations.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be Held in the PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY, the 16th, and SATURDAY, the 17th February.

Admission: First Day, ..... \$1.  
Second Day, ..... 50 Cents.

Payment at the Gates, Tickets may be had at MEARS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, February 6, 1877. folio

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PREMIER CENTRAL lately occupied by MEARS GILMAN & Co., next to MEARS KUSSLER & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. folio

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & Co., General Managers,  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. folio

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & Co., General Managers,  
Hongkong, February 20, 1877. folio

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1877. folio

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 19th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1876, the Report of the Directors, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 9, 1877. folio

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 18th instant, both days included.

By Order,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. folio

## Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"EXTRA SEC." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [apd]

## NOTICE.

TENDERS for REPAIRS of the British Ship SARAH NICHOLSON, will be Received on Board till 8 a.m., THURSDAY, 15th instant.

Separate Tenders are requested for 1—Masts, Spars, Iron Work and Repairs to Hull.

2—Rigging and Sails.  
For Particulars of the Work apply to the Master on Board, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. folio

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Company have been REMOVED to No. 37, Queen's Road, Central.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. folio

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, We have ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port.

Until Further Notice the Office of the Company will remain at No. 16, Praya Central.

Mr C. V. SMITH is authorized to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

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Hongkong, January 18, 1877. folio

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## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR. FRITZ LANGEN'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

## NOTICE.

M.R. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAS AUGUST SIERS has been authorised to sign for us by Procurator.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

## NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

## NOTICE.

MR. J. F. CORDES' Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

## NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUCKSHANK,  
Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,  
W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876.

## NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at SWATOW and HOLLOWAY, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON.

Swatow-Holloway, January 1, 1877.

## NOTICE.

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

G.H.S. J. GAUPP & Co.,  
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETRES,  
&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

P. F. DA SILVA,

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,  
TAKAO and TAIWANFOO.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

BIRDESTOWN, British barque, Captain E. W. Criag.—ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

CYDONIA, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wiesenberg.—Siemens & Co.

AUDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Kosario & Co.

TUDEVINA, British ship, Captain Robt. Goldie.—Meyer & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "HAILOONG".

Captain ABBOTT will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 14, 1877.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. GEO. DODS, to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY,

the 27th day of February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, College Gardens.—

The whole of his SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, mostly of English make, comprising—Drawing, Dining, and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Gasoliers, and Gas Bracketts, Pier Glasses, Marble-top Tables, Glass Ware, Plated Ware, Crockery, Sideboard, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands, Books, Wines, &c., &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and Collard.

CARPET, in one piece.

One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE,

with Balls, Cues, &c., complete. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 26th instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. TRAVANCORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the NIZAM and DECCAN, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

A. McIVER,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 14, 1877.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 12, Killarney, British steamer, 1060, O'Neill, Saigon Feb. 8, Rio—Gibraltar, Livingston & Co.

Feb. 12, Koror, Danish barque, 817, L. C. Grove, Bangkok Jan. 7, Timber.—EDWARD SCHELLMAN & Co.

Feb. 13, Travancore, British steamer, 172, W. Barratt, Bombay Jan. 23, Point de Galle 31, Penang Feb. 5, and Singapore 7, Mail and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 13, Sunda, British steamer, 1029, Reeves, Yokohama Feb. 6, Mail and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 14, Hailoong, British steamer, 277, J. C. Abbott, Tamsui Feb. 9, Taiwan 10, Amoy 12, and Swatow 13, Tea and Camphor.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Feb. 14, Amoy, British steamer, 814, G. Drewes, Shanghai Feb. 11, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Feb. 14, Swatow, British steamer, 850, Hutchison, Takao Feb. 12, Sugar.—BURTERFIELD & SWINE.

Feb. 14, Himalaya, British troopship, 3400, E. White, Portsmouth Dec. 12, via Suez, Ceylon and Straits Settlements, and Singapore Feb. 7, With troops and relief officers, and crews for H.M.S. Hornet, Midge, Growler and Swager.

## DEPARTURES.

Feb. 13, Chinkiang, for Guam.

13, Hansa, for London.

13, Ursula, for Haiphong.

## CLEARED.

Bonita; for Tientsin.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Travancore, for Hongkong; from Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond; from Brindisi, Mr. H. Deane; from Southampton, Mr. Stevenson; from Singapore, Mr. Feuerhend, and 20 Chinese. For Shanghai; from Calcutta, Messrs. J. Reid and R. Leach; from Suez, Mr. S. Baldwin; from Melbourne, Mr. J. Brown.

Per Sunda from Yokohama, Messrs Russell Robertson, Schrabs, Mr. Crulckshank, Arkness, Rev. W. Denning, Mrs. Court and 2 European deck.

Per Hailoong, from Amoy, &c., Messrs Murton, Mauder, Woollatt, Watson, Bridgeman, Barkness, Dolan, and 8 Chinese.

Per Amoy, from Shanghai, Lt. Moyers, Messrs. Albert, Leslie and Ginger, 1 European deck, and 21 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Uriah, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Lombardy, for Southampton, Mr. Everett.—From Shanghai for Venice.

Messrs. R. H. Simonds and E. Peel; for Southampton, Mr. W. S. Lockhart; for Singapore, Mr. A. Crossley.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Killarney reports:

Fine weather first 48 hours, afterwards strong gale from N.N.E. and heavy head sea.

The British steamer Travancore reports: From Singapore to Hongkong had light N.E. winds and fine clear weather, and thence to port strong monsoon and showery weather. Off Tong Te Point passed an English gullab bound North.

The British steamer Amoy reports: Had strong N.E. winds and cloudy weather throughout.

The British steamer Swatow reports: Experienced strong monsoon and thick weather to arrival.

## NOTIFICATION OF THIS ISSUE COMMENCED AT 8.00 P.M.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet LOMBARDY, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 15th February.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

Wednesday, 14th Inst.—

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes,

6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 15th Inst.—

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters, Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brussels or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

so completely turned round that, these demands being refused, the British Minister and the British Fleet are not only not withdrawn from Turkey in disgust, but that England "firmly protest" against any other country, Russia included, backing up a little coercion the demands unitedly advanced at the Conference! Is Turkey to be allowed to persist in her wretched system of government, and defy Europe to amend it after all the Great Powers have agreed in solemn assemblage to do so? And, what is the main point in question, is England to back her up in this defiance? The affirmative is certainly the position of affairs if Reuter is to be believed.

They are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, as the Cabinet officers and Ambassadors, are, and hold office for life or good behavior.

The Court holds one term annually, at the Capital, in December during the session of Congress; during the rest of the year, its members preside in the various Circuit Courts, of which the country is divided into ten. We can scarcely believe that this

powerful body will consent to descend from the position it now holds as the secondary one of Counsellor, even if it were done in the due exercise of its legitimate functions—unless it appeared decidedly the wish of the people, and it became evident that only the endorsement of that body of the fair play shown by the legislature in receiving and counting the votes, would satisfy the country that justice had been done, in which case we can readily understand its yielding to their wishes. Of the political opinions of the Justices it may be said that, with the exception of Mr. Justice Clifford, all have been appointed to the Bench by the Republican party during its sixteen years of domination.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* in a late issue asserts that there has been a compromise between the two factions, and that the vote of the Electoral College will be nullified by the rejection of one vote, thus constituting a tie—and that Congress will then proceed to fill the vacancies according to the constitution, the Democratic House electing the President, and the Republican Senate the Vice-President from the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes in the Electoral College.

The fallacy of this reasoning is only too apparent. The House voting first would elect Tilden President, and the Senate would be compelled to elect Hendricks Vice-President as Wheeler, the Republican candidate, is from New York and the Constitution does not allow the President and Vice-President to be chosen from the same State.

Whatever this arrangement might be called, it would certainly be no compromise. But, we believe, there are compromise measures on the table which very probably may result in the installation of Hayes. Throughout the South, there are among the leading men of influence, intelligence, and education, many who were in the war of the old conservative party in politics. They were Union men at heart, but were dragged, protesting to the last into the war, by the impetuosity of their associates. Since the termination of the struggle they have remained in the radical party from the natural disinclination of the conquered to unite with the party by whom that conquest was effected. But a change is coming over the spirit of their dreams. They are beginning to see that a "solid South," an array of section against section, is a fallacy and one not likely to benefit particularly the one numerically inferior. However willing the Northern radicals may be to use them as a means of grasping power, it is by no means so certain that they will be allowed to participate in that power, when acquired, to the extent they would wish or to which they consider themselves entitled. So strong are the apprehensions felt of the good faith of the Northern section that leading

tummo, on his way to Yokohama from Takao, informs us that the volcano is in an active state of eruption. He estimates the height of the flames from the mouth of the crater to be from one seventh to one sixth of the actual elevation of the mountain above the sea level. This would give the column of flame the immense height of from three to four hundred feet. Captain Taylor says that the sky was illuminated as though a city were on fire, and that huge masses of rock, plainly visible from the deck of his vessel, were hurled into the air and, describing a curve, fell, leaving behind them trails of fire, like so many gigantic rockets.

—*Japan Gazette.*

A FEW days ago Thomas Brassey, Esq., M.P., arrived in Yokohama in his screw Steam Yacht *Sunbeam*, accompanied by Mrs. Brassey and several members of his family. The voyage has been made from England via the Brazils, Straits of Magellan, San Francisco, Honolulu and Fiji, and the intended homeward route is via the Inland Sea of Japan, China, India and the Suez Canal. We had the pleasure of inspecting the *Sunbeam*, a vessel of 660 tons, rigged as a three-masted schooner—and of a most beautiful model. The hull was built at Mr. Brassey's yards, Birkenhead, and the engines are by the well-known engineering firm of Laird and Sons, of the same place. They are on the compound principle, of 70 nominal horse power, and are fitted with Bevis patent feathering screw, by means of which, when the vessel is under canvas only, the blades of the propeller have their angles altered so as not to impede her speed. The saloon is fitted up with the greatest taste and is more like a drawing room than anything else. We saw some splendid specimens of corals and a number of weapons and curios collected at the various places touched at. We had a glance at the journals kept by Mrs. Brassey, illustrated with splendid photographs, reminiscences of trips to the Mediterranean and other places, and regretted time would not permit us to linger longer over them. In the engine-room hangs Mr. Brassey's certificate as a Master Mariner, the first we believe ever granted to an English yacht-owner. He commands and navigates the *Sunbeam* himself. He is in all respects a worthy son of that fine old gentleman, the late Mr. Brassey, whose name is so well-known as one of the greatest railway contractors of his time. We regret to learn that Mr. Brassey's stay in Yokohama has been shortened by the news of his mother's death. We wish the *Sunbeam* and all on board God-speed on their journey home.—*Japan Gazette.*

(*L. & C. Express*, Jan. 5th.)

Sir Thos. Wade arrived in London yesterday.

With reference to the question of the Home Government setting on foot a scheme to provide Student Interpreters for Chinese, for the Straits and Hong Kong, which the Governor of Singapore recently stated had been referred by him to the home authorities, we learn that several suggestions have been made to the Government with this object, but that as yet nothing definite has been decided upon.

It is not yet known when H.E. Pope Hennessy, the governor-designate for Hong Kong, will take his departure. We understand that he has obtained "extra leave," so that, although he has arrived from the West Indies, it may be some time before he takes his departure for his new post.

The *Dreadnought*, a double-screw gun vessel, Captain the Hon. E. Dawson, arrived at Spithead on the 1st inst. from China, having been delayed by stress of weather. She was commissioned at Woolwich in 1868, and on the 18th of July, 1871, she was recommissioned at Hong Kong. She will pay off at Sheerness, and be placed in the fourth division of the Steam Reserve.

The Detached Squadron, which left Singapore on the 27th of December, is expected to arrive at the Mauritius on the 2nd of February; Simon's Bay on the 22nd of February; St. Helena on the 23rd of March; Ascension on the 27th of March; St. Vincent on the 11th of April, and arrive at Plymouth, which place it left at the end of 1874, on the 7th of May.

Waterford, Jan. 2.—the *Onward*, from Hong Kong for London, has put into this port with loss of topsail yard and short of provisions.

Hanover, Jan. 2.—In consequence of the already mentioned ice-impediments in the river, our communication with abroad during the last week has been confined to iron steamers, with the exception of a few iron sailing vessels. The arrivals from the sea have had to take refuge in the harbour at Cuxhaven, which at present is crowded with craft. But as this afternoon river craft are to be seen sailing up, no doubt to-morrow a large fleet of Transatlantic vessels will be towed up to the city. From the Far East no arrivals have taken place; and, of departures only the *Hesperia*, s.s., has been mentioned, which, under command of Captain Johannsen, with a full cargo of general merchandise, has left for the usual route to Singapore, &c. On the berth are, besides a steamer of the German Steamship Company, the *Peri*, Luehrs, for Penang, Singapore, &c.; *Johann Friedrich*, Kroenke, for Singapore direct; *Batava*, Corleus, for Hong Kong; and *Woolthall*, Low, for some destination, via Antwerp.

Three captains have been gazetted to be Rear-Admirals in Her Majesty's fleet:—Rear-Admiral the Right Hon. Richard James, Lord Gilford, a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Naval Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, was born in 1822, and entered the navy in 1845. He obtained the rank of lieutenant on the 18th of September, 1852, and in that capacity served in the *Impetuosa*, 51, in the Baltic from December following until the close of the Russian War. In the *Rodney*, 50, Commodore Keppel, on the East India and China station, from September, 1856, until transferred in August, 1857, to the *Cadogan*, 82, flagship of Rear-Admiral Seymour, on the same station, where he remained until promoted to be commander, Feb. 25, 1858. In the following month he obtained command of the *Hornet*, 17, also at China, and brought her to England in July, 1859, on the 22nd of which month he was posted. Admiral Gilford lost the use of his left arm from a wound received at the taking of Canton and for this he was granted, in October, 1859, a pension of £91 5s. He commanded the *Tribute*, 23, in the Pacific, from March, 1862, until paid off in May, 1866, was appointed to the *Hercules*, 12, fitting at Chatham; for service with the Channel Squadron, in June, 1868, was transferred to the *Ariadne*, a guardship, at Portsmouth, in December, 1871; which post he relinquished in March, 1872, on being appointed one of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Rear-Admiral the Hon. Fitzgerald Algeron Charles Foley, in receipt of a captain's good service pension, and Superintendent of

Sheerness Dockyard, was born in 1823, and entered the Navy in 1837. He was midshipman of the *Castor* on the coast of Syria, and at Acre in 1840, in the boats of the *Cambridge* during much severe boat work in 1842-43, and after next serving in the *Excellent* was promoted to lieutenant in 1846. He served in the *Raleigh*, 50, on the South Coast of America, from February, 1846, till 1850; and from October, 1853, until promoted to commander in 1855, served in the *Victoria* and *Iberia*. He commanded the *Coquette* from July, 1855, until posted in 1862, until May, 1863, when he was transferred to the *Revenge*, and in April, 1865, removed to the *Caledonia*. He commanded the Cambridge gunnery ship at Devonport from May, 1867, till May, 1871, when he was promoted to captain of the *Edgar* from July, 1871, till May, 1875, when he was promoted to captain of the *Brutus*, training-ship from August, 1871, till August 1874, and since January, 1875, has been captain superintendent at Sheerness Dockyard. Rear-Admiral Ernest Leopold Victor Charles Auguste Joseph Emick Prince of Leiningen, G.C.B., commander of the Royal yacht *Victoria and Albert*, is the third on the list.

### POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

February 14, 1877.

#### EMBEZZLEMENT AND DESERTION.

Thos. Coates, foreman in charge of the Military Magazine, was again brought up to answer the above charges.

Mr. Sharp appeared, as before, to prosecute, and Mr. Wotton for the defence.

Corporal Bass gave evidence as to his having received verbal orders to take over the keys from the prisoner. He took stock at a glance and there were 340 rounds found missing. From instructions further received, he again took tally and found thirty-four boxes empty. Other witnesses were then examined in support of this as well as that of the loss of the Henry Martini cartridges. The defendant was eventually committed for trial at the Supreme Court, and Mr. Wotton waived notice of trial. The case will be taken on the 19th inst., if possible.

#### DAMAGE.

Hung Kow, a gardener at Pofkolum, was summoned by Mr. A. T. Manger for allowing two dogs to trespass into his grounds whereby two goats were killed. The gardener in the employ of the complainant having proved the damage and the ownership of the dog, the defendant was fined 25 cents, and was ordered also to pay \$10 amends.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

The following report from the Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year 1876, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:

Victoria, Hong Kong, Jan. 31st, 1877.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Police Report, Statistics for the Blue Book, and Returns of Crime for the year 1876.

2.—Compared with the returns for the year 1875, an increase of 17.43 per cent. is shown on all cases reported; an increase exists of 6.45 on serious crime, and of 35.86 on minor offences.

3.—The increase in serious crime is caused by 11 more cases of highway robbery, and by 121 more cases of larceny occurring than in 1875. Of the reports of highway robbery, two were false, and in eight cases the property stolen was so small as to average under the value of \$4 in each case. On one occasion only was property worth more than \$25 stolen, and that case deserves particular comment. Four men conspired together to obtain money from a Chinese bank. One of them induced the manager to send a coolie with him with about \$500. He took the coolie to Zetland street, where he was joined by his three confederates, and together they maltreated the coolie; and escaped for the time with \$236. The coolie subsequently died on the 15th of January, 1871, from the wounds inflicted. Within a week, full information was received as to the guilty parties, who had, in the meanwhile, escaped from the Colony, but owing to the co-operation of H.B.M.'s Consul at Canton and of the Chinese Authorities, two of the men were shortly afterwards arrested and judged by the Chinese tribunals.

4.—The increase in miscellaneous offences is caused by the number of persons arrested as mendicants and as unlicensed hawkers.

5.—With regard to the mendicants, arrangements have been made for the reception by the Chinese Authorities of all persons sent to Canton. There has consequently been a marked decrease in the number of mendicants of the class found within the last few months in the Colony.

The Government have ordered the erection of some cells near the police stables at West Point for the temporary detention of vagrants and an Ordinance awaits confirmation which authorises the officer in command of the police to deport such persons forthwith.

6.—The number of unlicensed hawkers is very large, and they cause a great deal of obstruction. It would be desirable if more marked accommodation could be afforded in the city. The out-villages have, as a rule, increased in size, that it will be necessary to apply throughout the Colony the law as to taking out of licences by hawkers.

At the same time, I think it would be more convenient if the licensing of hawkers (and of chair coolies) should be transferred from the Registrar-General's to the Police Department.

The law, moreover, should be enlarged so as to deal with marine hawkers, hawkers of goods on board ships, and with barbers and other persons carrying on business in the streets.

7.—The consolidation of the Deportation ordinances was a work that was much needed; for the punishment for breach of conditional pardon was simply the completion of the original sentence, and when this was done, branded men might live without molestation in the Colony; but now they can be deported. During 1876, 49 Chinese prisoners were deported and 28 released from gaol on conditional pardons, granted, as a rule, on the completion of half the term of sentence. As shown in Table D, 27 men were arrested for being found in the Colony after having been deported or pardoned conditionally.

8.—There has been a decrease in the number of gambling cases, but the law on this point is still in this Colony; and the Ordinance was passed in 1876 that removed the legal penalties against holding certain lotteries, but no advantage was taken of certain regulations that have appeared in acts of Parliament in Great Britain, notably as to mark being obliterated and tokens enabling from that gauge. As a matter of fact,

be deemed sufficient evidence of gaming. During the last year, owing to its sudden prohibition by the Canton Authorities, the fighting of crickets was carried on to an unprecedented extent, and large sums of money changed hands in betting thereon. It was obvious neither the law concerning cruelty to animals, nor the Vagrant Act, nor the local Gambling Ordinance applied, and an application to the Magistrate for a summons against the householders for keeping a disorderly house was refused. The keeper of these houses, therefore, remained unmolested and unpunished.

9.—In certain cases of larceny and highway robbery it was observed that the crimes had been committed by Chin-Chin men, who had previously, as a class, enjoyed a reputation for honesty in this Colony. The detection of the offenders was the more difficult, as I was unable to find men who could speak that dialect, who were suitable for Police duties and could procure the necessary security.

10.—Considering the returns for the year as a whole, they may fairly be deemed satisfactory, especially when the development of the city, and of certain villages, is considered, as well as the increased facilities that have been afforded for the influx of strangers into the Colony.

#### FOLKE

11.—The general health of the force has been better than in 1875; this is doubtless owing to the unusual comparative coolness of the summer. Seven deaths occurred, and among these two were especially to be regretted. I allude to those of Inspectors Dadds and Youngson; those two officers joined from the Scottish Police, and, throughout their services in the Colony, displayed great trustworthiness and ability.

12.—The European Force has been brought into a state of efficiency by the expenditure of a great deal of money and trouble. But this is likely to be seriously affected by the conclusion, at the present season, of the term of the service of several of the men. In 1872, forty-five men joined from Scotland, and in 1873, 20 joined from London. These latter were unfortunate drafted immediately after a disturbance of some importance had taken place in the Metropolitan Police; consequently, some of the men who joined here are not of so high a standard of character as could have been wished. I enclose a return of the 65 men allowed to remain with, to whom as to the cause of certain of them leaving.

13.—I enclose a return of the changes and casualties that took place in the Police Force during 1876; they are within three of the number that occurred in 1875.

14.—The stations are, as a rule, in good condition; but I have to repeat certain previous reports, viz., that No. 7 Station, West Point, is far too small for the number of men stationed there; No. 8 Station, Tai-ping-shan, is old and badly ventilated, and should be rebuilt when possible. At the Central Station, more accommodation, is urgently wanted, especially as the adjoining bungalow originally purchased for demolition, and for providing this required accommodation, have been condemned as no longer habitable. When funds admit, it would be a great boon to obtain additional rooms for married Europeans by the addition of another story to No. 9 Station, Caine-road.

15.—New streets are springing up at Yau-ma-ti, British Kowloon; but the road drainage is very defective, as the drains are on the surface, and give the village a very dirty appearance, but, I believe, this will soon be remedied. I notice also, that between two streets, one facing the sea, and one parallel to that, there is an alley formed by the backs of the houses; thus, I hear, is on private ground; unless therefore the matter is dealt with at once, the difficulty may arise, as in Victoria, as to whether it is a private road and inaccessibile to the Police for general purposes.

16.—The sale of so much land at British Kowloon renders it expedient that a Guardhouse should be erected at the North-east corner of the peninsula, near Ma-Tau-Wai. This matter has been before considered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your most obedient Servt,  
W. M. DEANE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.  
Honourable J. Gardiner Austin, O.M.S.,  
Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

#### CHINA.

##### SHANGHAI.

##### (News.)

We understand that the boats and plant of the team Tug and Lighter Company have been sold to Messrs. Wheelock & Co.

The Chinese prediction that there would be a snowfall at New Year time has been so much debated, that it is worth noting its verification. A great deal of snow fell during Thursday night and up to noon yesterday (Feb. 9th), after which it changed to rain.

The Race Club accounts for 1876 show a satisfactory position of affairs. The receipts were about Tls. 700 more than in 1875, and though the year closes with some Tls. 700 less in hand, the expenses have been unusually heavy, through the improvements made to the inner course, large outlay on new posts and rails, and increase to the Autumn prize list. There are now 188 subscribers, and there is a balance in hand of Tls. 1,933. The annual meeting is to be held on the 20th inst.

We print this morning a more careful translation of the rules proposed by the Taotai, to meet the new conditions of *lein* taxation. Re-parallel of them only confirms our first impression that they are obstructive and impracticable. The proposal to stamp foreign goods on ship board before landing would cause delay in unloading; and the stress laid on the stamp would lead to constant disputes thereafter. The stamp would not help to identify goods offered for sale in the shop in the Settlement, because these are unpacked; bales are frequently opened to take out masters, and these would be disqualified from inland transit protection. Besides, there are some goods that cannot be stamped on the sea of the packing, lead for instance; and in such cases there would be danger of the mark being obliterated and trouble ensuing from that cause. As a matter of fact,

foreign goods generally bear proof of their origin on the face of them; and any "stamp" identification is unnecessary. They are entitled to circulate free of *lein* within the Settlements, because they are foreign goods; and they are entitled to transit passes when they go up country, for the same reason. There can very rarely be any difficulty in identification. Rule 6 would simply stop trade in dyed goods, either cotton or woollen; and the colours reassured by the dealers, before they go up-country. Yet such re-packed goods, would be either subject to *lein* or be forfeited, under this rule. Rules 5, 7, and 8 have simply for their object to tax native produce, and have no place in a set of Regulations which are designed to declare that foreign goods are free. Their object can only be to affix *lein* taxation, and procure the recognition of *lein* tax offices in the Settlements; and it is hardly our policy to assist in a process of throttling trade, which we consider detrimental to the best interests of the Chinese Government as well as of merchants.

Early yesterday morning (Feb. 9th) John Watt, carpenter, and Frank Harris, boy, belonging to the British barque *John Potts*, lying at the O. M. Co.'s Wharf, were found by the steward dead in their berths. Investigation showed that death had been caused by asphyxia from the fumes of charcoal, and that the carpenter had made kind of stove out of a paint pot, also making his own charcoal. On Thursday night, when lighted and redhot, he placed the pot on his tool chest in a house on deck, in which both he and the boy slept, and after conversation with the steward, the chief mate, and another boy belonging to the ship, the two former of whom cautioned him as to the danger he was running (as it seemed they had done on former occasions), he said it was all right and that he would see to it. There were both a window and door to the house, the window having venetians; and as the boy with whom he had been talking left the house, he left the door slightly open, but the carpenter called him back and ordered him to shut the door. The window was already shut. The last seen of the carpenter alive, he was lying in his berth smoking his pipe, the first named boy being also in his berth. No further notice was taken of them, and at 6.30 yesterday morning, on the steward going to the house to call them up, he found them both dead, the house full of charcoal fumes, and the pot or stove still standing on the chest, within a very short distance of the berths. The fire had burnt itself out. Captain McPherson at once sent for Doctor Mangowan, who on his arrival pronounced life to be extinct, and in his certificate said that the attempts at resuscitation which had been made by the Captain prior to his arrival, were correct.

#### Japan.

A complimentary dinner has been given in the Grand Hotel, Yokohama, to Mr. W. G. Howell, the late editor of the *Japan Mail*. The chair was occupied by General Van Buren, the United States Consul-General; and among the guests, who numbered sixty-four, were Sir Harry Parkes, K.O.B., M. de Struve the Russian Minister, Senor Don Mariano Alvarez the Spanish Minister, Captain Buller, C.B., R.N., and representatives of all classes of the community. The toasts were "Our Monarchs and Magistracy" (the Chairman), "Our Representatives" (the Chairman, acknowledged by Sir H. Parkes), "Our Armies and Navies" (the Chairman, acknowledged by Captain Buller), "Our Consuls" (Mr. Holliston, acknowledged by Mr. Russell Robertson), "The Guest of the Evening" (the Chairman, responded to by Mr. Howell), "The Bench and the Bar" (Mr. Kewick responded to by Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Kirkwood), "The Press" (Mr. J. C. Hall, acknowledged by Mr. Brooke of the *Herald*), "The Ladies" (Baron Rosen, acknowledged by Mr. Hay), "Sir Howell" (Mr. H. H. H. H. & W. Doug Co., 47 div.), "Our Physicians" (the Chairman, acknowledged by General Van Buren), and "Mr. Pearson" (the Chairman, acknowledged by the new editor of

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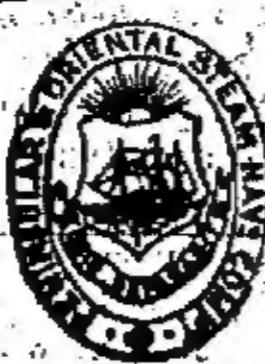
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